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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the Office Action of 11 August 2006. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

AMENDMENT

The Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

The Conclusion appears on page 14 of this paper.